

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE United States Patent and Trademark Office Address: COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Viginia 22313-1450 www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO
09/692,655	10/19/2000	Gary E. Smith	GSMITH.002A	7733
20995	7590 06/03/2003			
KNOBBE MARTENS OLSON & BEAR LLP 2040 MAIN STREET FOURTEENTH FLOOR			EXAMINER	
			THISSELL, JENNIFER I	
IRVINE, CA 92614			ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
			3635	
			DATE MAILED: 06/03/2003	

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

St

	Application No. Applicant(s)						
Interview Summary	09/692,655	SMITH, GARY E.					
merview dummary	Examiner	Art Unit					
	Jennifer I Thissell	3635					
All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):							
(1) <u>Jennifer I Thissell</u> .	(3)						
(2) Lang McHardy.	(4)						
Date of Interview: <u>02 June 2003</u> .							
Type: a)⊠ Telephonic b)□ Video Conference c)□ Personal [copy given to: 1)□ applicant 2)□ applicant's representative]							
Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No. If Yes, brief description:							
Claim(s) discussed: <u>N/A</u> .							
Identification of prior art discussed: Kelly (US 4,642,950).							
Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) № N/A.							
Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: <u>See Continuation Sheet</u> .							
(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)							
THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.							

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required



Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The purpose of the interview was to generally discuss the differences between the instant invention and the prior art, as well as for applicant to gain a sense of what issues may require further attention in filing a possible RCE. A few points worthy of notation were: The Examiner pointed out that Kelly's element 7 and 1 could together be considered the support element, and that it was capable of receiving any suitable and conventional roofing material on top of it (column 5, lines 6-10). Some of the differences between instant invention and the prior art that Applicant's representative pointed out were that the support member of the instant invention is not integral with the roofing tiles, as many prior art examples are integral, that the support has an ability to be adjusted, that the support is lightweight, and that a plurality of roofing tiles can be placed upon it..